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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 6 - 20, 62 - 65, and 70 - 75.

1. cancelled
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21. (allowed) A scaffold system comprising at least one first support and at least one second support and at least one locking and securing device for removably securing and locking the first support to the second support, the locking and securing device having a means for securing the first support to the second support, the securing means being movably attached to the first support and being movable between a secured position and an unsecured position with respect to the second support by using a force at a substantially coaxial center point of the securing means; and a means for locking the securing means to the first support when the securing means is in the secured position in the second support, the locking means being integrally formed with a handle;

the securing means and the locking means being rotatably moveable about a longitudinal axis extending through the securing means, the locking means being longitudinally moveable along the longitudinal axis thereby allowing the securing means to be moveable between the secured position and the unsecured position and thereby